

**Camden Historic Resources Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 14, 2015**

Present: Chair, Meg Barclay; Members Judy McGuirk, Susan Neves, Beedy Parker, Pat Skaling; Alternates Kris Mikkelsen, Susan Snead; Select Board Liaison Don White; Guests Elizabeth Moran representing Camden Garden Club and Heather Moran representing Camden Rockport Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05p.m.

Minutes from June: Approved as corrected regarding the next step for the historic district expansion: "The consultants are to be contacted and their report given to the town to review and sign."

Select Board Report by Don White:

1. The skate shack will not be destroyed! See further report.
2. In an attempt to "go greener" the Town wants to install solar panels on public works buildings as opposed to using wind turbines. This is recommended by PPA (renewed energy commission).
3. The Windjammer Committee is now a Town committee (like the Winter Fest) in order to attract more tourism through Labor Day.

Archives: No report

Village Green: Judy McGuirk and Elizabeth Moran reported on the plan to restore the Village Green close to its original design and to make some changes in plantings. Landscape designer Kath Holland's plan includes dwarf plantings that will survive harsh winters, the replacement of crabapple trees, removal and replacement of the diseased evergreens along the side of the Baptist Church, putting the ground lights at ground level, and reducing the amount of signage. The restoration will be done in stages as money from the garden club becomes available, and it is advisable to begin phase 1 before snowfall.

Kath Holland's plan for the Village Green was approved by the HRC with one change: the elimination of the gravel path cutting from the granite path to the Baptist Church driveway. It was suggested this area be planted with the same groundcover as recommended for the slope (sweet woodruff) to prevent pedestrians from cutting the corner. The plan now needs approval by the Select Board. It was recommended that the Garden Club also present the plan to the newly formed Design Committee for discussion at their next meeting on August 4th at 4 p.m. in the Washington Street Conference Room. The issue of signage also needs approval by the Dept. of Public Works.

It was noted that the stone path was replaced by the town before the July 4th weekend and looks very nice. Also, the benches most in need of repair were given a "quick and dirty" fix—some boards were replaced and others just painted over rotten wood. It was agreed that standards need to be set and any concerns need to be presented in writing to the Town Office.

Harbor Park/Amphitheatre: No report

Opera House: No report

Bay View Street buildings: Susan Snead reported that Amy Ives of Sutherland Conservation and Consulting has agreed to do the work, and her contract was given to town manager Pat Finnigan. The contract was also sent to Christy Mitchell to see how many of the buildings qualify as “historic.”

Curtis Island: The Harbor Committee organized a special tour day and provided boat transport to the public to visit Curtis Island. It was a big draw of 200 people from both in and out of town.

1936 Skate Shack: Dave Dicky received a call that the 20' x 30' skate shack was going to be taken to the dump, and he was not happy! Heather reported that there is space at the historic society site but possibly not the budget to have it restored. To keep it on the pond at the snow bowl requires a setback of 100 feet from shore. Don will investigate and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Mikkelsen